s17 Geometric Series Exam (EXAM v306)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a=492, common ratio $r=\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{1/10}$, and n=10 terms.

$$S = 492 + 478.05 + 464.49 + 451.32 + 438.52 + 426.08 + 414 + 402.26 + 390.85 + 379.77$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS = 478.05 + 464.49 + 451.32 + 438.52 + 426.08 + 414 + 402.26 + 390.85 + 379.77 + 369$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 2 + 2(4) + 2(4)^{2} + 2(4)^{3} + \cdots + 2(4)^{47} + 2(4)^{48} + 2(4)^{49} + 2(4)^{50}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.